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Questions relating to EPA Region 2 Response in support of the cleanup at the former Tonawanda Coke Corporation, Tonawanda (Erie County), New York

1. At this point of limited assessment, is Tonawanda Coke site eligible for EPA Superfunding?

A. EPA is currently using its short-term cleanup authority under what is called the removal program under Superfund to cleanup the Tonawanda Coke Site. EPA is communicating with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the most appropriate means of addressing the site in the long term. The site is already listed as a New York State Superfund Site. In the coming months, our engagement and cooperative partnership with New York agencies and partners will be a key component of the decision-making process.

2. If so, ball-park estimate, how much of the site is eligible? (See answer 3)

3. Are there any empirical standards to determine whether a site should be declared an EPA Superfund Site or NYS Brownfield site?

A. Individual agencies under their authority make decisions based on criteria. On the federal side, EPA would complete an assessment using our hazard ranking system prior to it being recommended for inclusion on EPA's Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). The Superfund site assessment process evaluates potential or confirmed releases of hazardous substances that may pose a threat to human health or the environment. The hazard ranking system criteria guides the process, which is completed by EPA.

EPA is continuing to make progress in its ongoing cleanup and assessment of the site since the Tonawanda Coke Corporation ceased operations at the facility on October 14, 2018.

EPA has established a Tonawanda Coke Site website at: [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/ny/tonawanda-coke-corporation-tcc-site"](https://www.epa.gov/ny/tonawanda-coke-corporation-tcc-site)]. Periodic Community Update Fact Sheets are posted to the site to keep the public informed about the status of the cleanup. The last update was published in February 2019.

4. What is the contact information for the Western New York EPA Office?

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